



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
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Toshiaki Kanemitsu et al) Art Unit: 3726
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Appln. No. : 09/157,318) Ex: E. Compton
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Filed : September 21, 1998)
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For : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN)
ANNULAR MEMBER MADE FROM A)
METAL SHEET HAVING A PERIPHERAL)
WALL (AS AMENDED))

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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted pursuant to the provisions
of 37 CFR 1.112 in response to the Office Action of October 24, 2001.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of manufacturing an annular member from a disc-shaped metal sheet material defining an outer periphery, comprising the steps of:
- forming the disc-shaped metal sheet to have a non-processed portion
- including a stepped portion defined by an inclined wall;
- rotating the disc-shaped metal sheet material;